

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

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INFO AMEMBASSY ROME

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AMEMBASSY MADRID

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ROME FOR ILLING

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, PO, VT

SUBJ: CONCORDAT REVISED

REFS: (A) LISBON 505 (NOTAL)

(B) LISBON A-19

(C) LISBON 3364, AUG. 8, 1974

(D) ROME 1065

SUMMARY: GOP HAS SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED PROTOCOL  
REVISING CONCORDAT. REVISION WILL ELIMINATE SOCIAL-RELIGIOUS ISSUE  
OF DIVORCE AND SHOULD IMPROVE POPULAR IMAGE OF CHURCH IN  
PORTUGAL. END SUMMARY.

1. JUSTICE MINISTER SALGADO ZENHA SIGNED IN ROME FEB. 15 A  
PROTOCOL REVISING MAY 1940 CONCORDAT. CONCORDAT REVISION INVOLVED  
ONLY THE ARTICLE CONCERNING DIVORCE.

2. SALGADO ZENHA NOTED THAT RAPID 3 MONTH NEGOTIATION PERIOD  
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CONTRASTED WITH "LABORIOUS" ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS ITALY AND SPAIN

HAVING WITH VATICAN FOR CONCORDAT REVISION.

3. PROTOCOL SIGNATURE WILL NOT MARK END OF PROCESS, AS JURIDICALLY PROTOCOL IS CONSIDERED TREATY WHICH MUST BE FORMALLY RATIFIED. FORMALITIES SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MARCH. AN ESTIMATED 300,000 PORTUGUESE WILL THEN BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR DIVORCE, ALTHOUGH FAR GREATER NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS INDIRECTLY AFFECTED.

4. COMMENT: CONCORDAT REVISION IS PRODUCT OF MUTUAL INTEREST ON PART OF GOP AND VATICAN TO ELIMINATE DIVORCE QUESTION AS POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE POLITICAL ISSUE (REFS). CHURCH'S COOPERATION WITH GOP IN LEGALIZING DIVORCE WILL REMOVE SINGLE MOST EMBARRASSING CROSS IT HAS HAD TO CARRY IN DEALING WITH THAT PORTION OF PORTUGUESE POPULATION TRADITIONALLY LOYAL TO CATHOLIC FAITH.  
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